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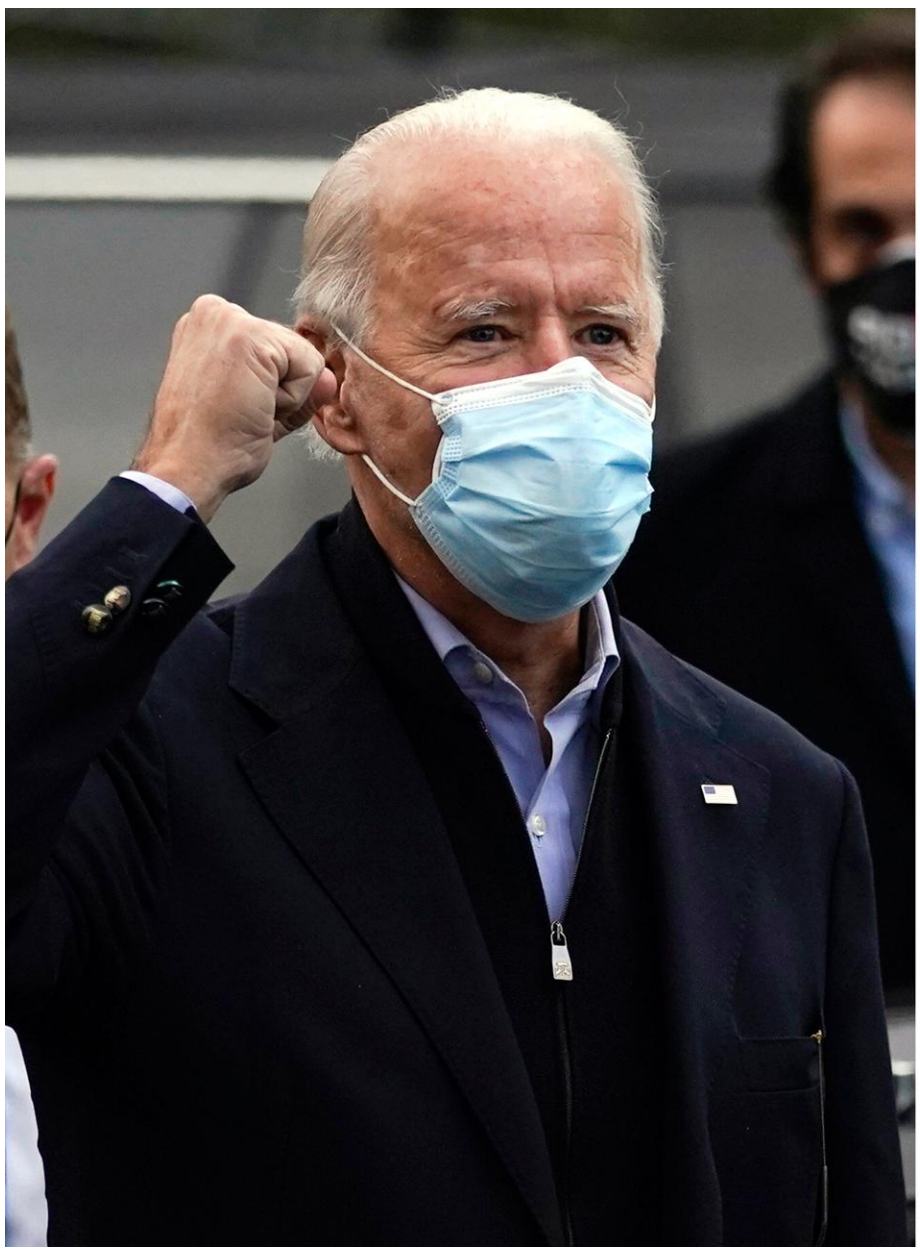

President Donald Trump, right, demonstrated strength with Latino voters in Florida, limiting Democratic challenger Joe Biden's margin in vote-rich Miami. Trump appeared well-positioned in the country's largest swing state. *Carolyn Kaster, The Associated Press; Saul Loeb, Getty Images*

Hickenlooper beats incumbent Gardner in U.S. Senate race

By Justin Wingerter
The Denver Post

Democratic challenger John Hickenlooper defeated Republican U.S. Sen. Cory Gardner on Tuesday in a closely watched contest that will help determine which party controls Congress next year.

Hickenlooper had 55% of the vote with 81% of ballots counted Tuesday, and Gardner had 43%. Three other candidates split the remaining votes.

It was unclear at presstime whether Democrats will win enough seats nationwide to take over control of the U.S. Senate.

"Tonight, your message is loud and clear: It's time to put the poisonous politics of this era behind us and come together to move forward," Hickenlooper said in a victory speech on Facebook Live shortly after 8 p.m.

"Clearly, people are saying it's time to turn the page. It's time for a different approach. It's time to start solving problems and helping people and that's exactly what I intend to do," Hickenlooper added.

Gardner called Hickenlooper to concede before

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State voters leaning left, yet stay right on some fiscal issues

By Jon Murray
The Denver Post

Colorado Democrats made further inroads in Tuesday's election toward turning the state a deeper shade of blue, winning voters' approval on several big policy questions while flipping more local suburban Denver offices held by Republicans.

But while Colorado voters leaned left to create a paid family and medical leave program, they stayed true to their fiscal conservatism in other decisions. They approved a small income tax cut and were favoring, by a small margin, a measure that aims to put more fiscal handcuffs on officials by requiring voter approval for large new fees, as is already required for tax increases under the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights.

On the whole, voters went big for the Democrats — even more so than in 2016 — and built on gains they made in the 2018 election, when suburban voters flipped several lower-profile county offices long held by Republicans.

In Tuesday's election, voters backed former Vice President Joe Biden for the White House and sent

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Biden, Trump wait for key results from Ga., Pa., Mich., N.C.

By Jonathan Lemire, Zeke Miller, Jill Colvin and Alexandra Jaffe
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » President Donald Trump won Florida, the nation's most prized battleground state, as he and Democrat Joe Biden on Tuesday battled to the finish of an epic campaign that will shape America's response to the surging pandemic and foundational questions of economic fairness and racial justice.

The men were locked in tight races across the country, with Trump also claiming the battlegrounds of Ohio and Iowa while Biden won Minnesota and Iowa, two modest prizes the president had hoped to steal.

Races were too early to call in some of other fiercely contested and critical states on the map, including North Carolina, Georgia and Pennsylvania. The president, by early Wednesday, had retained many states he won in 2016 and, as long predicted, the race in part seemed to rest on the three northern industrial states where Trump most surprised the Democrats four year ago Michigan, Wisconsin and

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